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PEC demolition begins

By KACI HANSON
Assistant News Editor

Many Wartburg students' hearts crumbled as they watched the old PEC fall to pieces during the demolition that began Monday.

While exterior changes have just recently become evident, student and community volunteers started disassembling the interior Feb. 26. As the PEC was taken apart, pieces were given away to different organizations. Many balcony seats went to Habitat for Humanity, and the lower bleacher seats and light fixtures will be used at the Waverly fairgrounds. The basketball floor was split in half, to be used by the Sumner sports complex and Valley Lutheran High School in Cedar Falls. The center circle of the basketball court will be replicated and placed in the Hall of Fame room in the new wellness center.

Demolition is right on schedule, despite a few safety concerns that required flexibility in the plans.

According to John Wuertz, director of the Physical Plant, mercury was discovered in the fieldhouse and disposed of in a landfill in Tennessee, while the asbestos in the roofing has also been safely removed. Contractors allowed a couple extra weeks for each hazardous removal, but construction continued as planned Monday without any setbacks.

"I don't believe there should be any more problems," Wuertz said.

Dennis Lambert, an architect at Hastings and Chivetta Architects, Inc., also predicts smooth smashing. Construction will soon begin on the Wartburg-Waverly Sports and Wellness Center. It will include an aquatic center with both a lap and leisure pool, equipped with a waterslide for recreation.

The field house will have a regulation 200-meter indoor track, four basketball courts, and an auxiliary gym with a small track around the outside. The performance gym will be enlarged to seat 1,600, and the athletic offices will be consolidated into one area of the building. This facility will be one of the largest NCAA Div. III wellness centers in the nation.

"We have done this on a number of other campuses," Lambert said. "Students are anxious to get inside and see what's going on...we look forward to this being the case here as well."

The Web cam that will record the demolition has not been installed yet due to the distraction of relocating offices. Wuertz reports it is toward the bottom of the priority list. The wellness center Web site at www.wartburg.edu/wellness will have regularly updated photos available throughout the construction process.

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Pieces of the PEC Lobby crumble to the ground as the building is crushed by the demolition team Wednesday.

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90 to serve in the Big Easy

By ALAN SIMMER
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A group of approximately 90 students will travel to New Orleans during Tour Week as part of the Hurricane Katrina relief effort.

The trip was organized after a group of students returned from a service trip in New Orleans during winter break.

Dan Kittle, community partnerships coordinator, has helped to map out the plan for the venture. According to Kittle, service trips are usually planned six months in advance, but this has been put together about one month before the planned departure.

"There's been a lot of interest and a lot of enthusiasm," Kittle said. "It just snowballed and snowballed."

Junior Tom Parks, one of the student leaders of the trip, was inspired to help

after hearing about the work done during winter break.

"We realized there was a huge need for hands, a tangible need for people," he said. "We hoped we would get 30, and now we have close to 90 people."

"I was inspired," Kittle said. "It's pretty extraordinary."

Junior Katy Kuester signed up to go after hearing about the trip from Parks. "I just felt this strong, strong calling to go and help the people down in New Orleans," she said. "I had wanted to do it ever since [Katrina] happened."

"Ever since I signed up I've just wanted to go now," she said. "I think it's going to be life-changing."

The trip participants will be staying in a FEMA-sponsored camp in St. Bernard's Parish. The camp will provide tents, showers and three meals a day. The actual work site is set up through Habitat for Humanity.

The maximum capacity for the trip is 90 people, but anyone still interested can contact Kittle in the Center for Community Engagement and join a waitlist if no room is available.

The students involved in the trip will leave Friday, April 21. A smaller group of students will return Thursday, April 27, with the majority heading back on Saturday, April 29.

Kittle wants to remind students to remain committed to volunteer work both on and off campus, during breaks and during classes. "I would really encourage students to think about service not just during winter break," he said.

"Let's not forget this need.... Students are realizing it doesn't go away," Parks said. "We hope this can be a catalyst."

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Student media win national awards

By SARAH GUHL
News Editor

Wartburg's media won several national awards from the Society for Collegiate Journalists (SCJ).

Wartburg Television (WTV) won eight awards, including a first place by Dr. Jeff Stein's CA 320 class and third by junior Jimmy Vowell in TV Features.

WTV also received two honorable mentions in TV News

and two in TV Sports. They went to senior Brady Smith; the team of seniors Smith, Brenna Lynch and Kurt Liske; senior Jesse Gavin; and the team of Gavin and senior Stacy Diemer.

In TV Commercials, WTV won first place for senior A.J. Hodgeman and second for Tammy Jo Anderson '05.

"I think the SCJ awards the television station has received shows how hard we work as a team and how that hard work

can pay off," station manager Diemer said.

The Trumpet received seven awards. The sports staff placed second for Sports Page, while senior Nick Petaros got second for Sports News.

Senior Jessica Nystel took second for News Story, and senior Tina Hinz took second for Spot or Hard News. Senior Allison Schmidt received third place for Feature Writing. The Trumpet got second for Editorial Page

and third in Overall Excellence.

"It's an honor to be recognized for the hard work our staff does on a weekly basis," senior Allison Schmidt, editor-in-chief, said.

The Fortress won six awards, including fourth in Overall Excellence for small schools.

KWAR won an award with a first by CA 320 in Radio Features.

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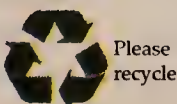
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Educate the ignorant

By COREY HELLAND
Columnist

If you would've asked me last year when Women's History Month is, I wouldn't have been able to tell you. As a college-educated adult, that's a pretty sad statement to make, but it's the truth. Thankfully, I've been enlightened, and my views have been broadened.

Tuesday evening I attended a Women's Diversity Panel, featuring seniors Amy Anderson and Emily Dieker and juniors Lucy Joseph and Anabel Duarte. Before the panel began, I honestly did not know what to expect, but was pleasantly surprised as Amy, Emily, Lucy and Anabel told stories of their own life experiences.

From a man's point of view, I think a lot of the problems associated with the oppression of women and women's history as a whole are a result of pure ignorance. The values accepted by society—some would say a male-dominated society—become the norm, and few question these values. Until, that is, there are leaders among our peers who take a stand and choose to educate the ignorant.

I used to be ignorant even though I took a women's studies course at Wartburg. As the



Knight Writer

only male in the course, I felt attacked and soon became disinterested in participating. Though I cannot speak for my entire gender, I often think people take the wrong approach to women's studies.

Part of the problem for me was that I held the course in a negative perspective. When describing the studies, I called it a feminist class, spitting out the word "feminist" as if it was a curse word. And why did I do this? Ignorance. I didn't know the true meaning of this word, nor the implications behind a women's studies course.

While I sat in the Lyceum Tuesday listening to Emily discuss a lesbian's place in the feminist movement, I realized how wrong my view of that course was. Even though I've since changed my entire stance on women's studies, I still had been holding on to a negative image of that course. Perhaps it would've been different if the course was taught by Dr. Penni Pier.

I only know Dr. Pier through her reputation, but was able to bask in her glory Tuesday as she made closing comments for the panel. She made it a point to include the male perspective in her comments, saying that when one sex is oppressed, the other is as well. Her example was that stay-at-home fathers are often held in a negative light, as if the man couldn't get a normal job.

Again, this was not what I was expecting. I don't know enough about gender oppression to make an intelligent comment on this, but I greatly appreciated her inclusive, rather than



Graphic by Sayumi Abe

exclusive, comments. By putting the problems into a perspective that males can relate to, Dr. Pier invited the entire audience to share a common thought.

At no time during the panel did I feel attacked or compelled to be put on my defense. Instead, the women's diversity panel continued to educate me in the struggles of women in today's society. Feminism is one of those words with strong connotations that vary from person to person. Unfortunately, most of those connotations are fueled by ignorance, no matter what your gender is.

College isn't just about education within the classroom—participate in one of the Women's History Month events and help erase just a little bit of the ignorance.

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Don't forget the voices from the coast

By LIZ REEDSTROM
Guest Columnist

I think it's great what some Wartburg students have done to help the city of New Orleans with the service trip and documentary. I acknowledge the fact New Orleans is a city with many needs. But I am also frustrated with the entire situation.

I traveled with my family to the Gulf Coast in August. We left Mississippi the Saturday before Hurricane Katrina. We saw what was there and heard the warnings to leave. I watched as the storm destroyed a region I personally fell in love with. I watched



over the past seven months the drama that unfolded from this storm. But as I watched, I saw mainly one thing: New Orleans. Please, don't get me wrong, they had more than their fair share of damage, destruction and death. So did Mississippi. So did Alabama. But as I watched the news, out of every five stories, maybe one would focus on an area other than New Orleans.

In December, I went back to the South with my family to the town where we had vacationed: Long Beach, Miss. We spent a week helping, cleaning, talking to victims, seeing the destruction and recognizing places that once held something, but now nothing. We heard firsthand the frustration with the government and media.

The Gulf Coast has been com-

pletely forgotten in the midst of Hurricane Katrina, even though many say they were hit worse. When we visited in December, we were told not to mention either FEMA or New Orleans. A majority of government help and funds went straight to New Orleans. It was months before FEMA trailers arrived in Mississippi, compared to weeks for New Orleans. Even the news media forgot the coast. One resident of Long Beach told us that one day while watching the news, she saw a picture of a food shelter. As she listened to them claim the picture was from New Orleans, she knew it was actually down the road from her in Mississippi as she had just been there a week before.

We were also told about how the damage to New Orleans was the fault of politicians and not Katrina,

like it was on the coast. Most damage in New Orleans was flood damage, floods caused by broken levees, which the government of New Orleans had the opportunity and money to fix but chose not to. The damage in Mississippi was inevitable with Katrina's strong winds and waves. Miles of houses and buildings were completely gone.

On the Gulf Coast, they are trying to rebuild with not a lot of government funding and not enough support, especially from the news media. They have been forgotten and muted by the overpowering voices from New Orleans. But they have voices as well. They have their stories. They need help. When you think of Katrina, please, don't forget about the voices from the coast.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

The purpose of this letter is to bring attention to some of the activities that Wartburg students have been engaged in since returning to campus from winter break. The first event provided us the opportunity to practice free speech on behalf of fellow students who live in a political climate where freedom of expression is not tolerated. On March 15, students in Grossmann placed [electric] candles in their windows to bring attention to Belarusians who have disappeared as a result of their political dissidence. A photo of the illuminated dormitory is posted on a Belarusian freedom site: www.svaboda.org/articlesprograms/diaspora/2006/3/d1809d59-78ba-4ef9-a6eb-6ba07bb4af6a.html.

These events have been brought into focus as a result of the recent presidential election in Belarus. The world media has exposed the lack of democratic process and the mistreatment of those who dare speak out or demonstrate their anti-government positions. Police fired teargas, smoke bombs, and stun grenades at the estimated 10,000 protesters who staged non-violent demonstrations in the capital this week. Hundreds were beaten, arrested, and incarcerated, with one reported casualty.

Members of the Wartburg student body have continued to show support for the free-

dom fighters by participating in demonstrations of solidarity. At 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturday, students walked in silence carrying the Belarusian flag (outlawed by the current government) in hopes of raising awareness among their fellow students and within the Waverly community.

Visit: www.radiofreeeurope.org, www.charter97.org/eng or www.belarusguide.com to learn more about the situation in Belarus.

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To the Editor:

I read your columnist Jessi LeClear's Op/Ed piece "Back same-sex adoption" and thought it was very true, tasteful and courageous of her. It definitely struck a chord with me because I was raised by two dads and agree that adoption should be about finding a loving home for children in need. Thanks, Jessi, for the good piece.

Whitney Smith

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Thursday at 5 p.m.

• Congratulations to the students involved in the production of the "Voices from the Storm" documentary that premiered Wednesday. It was great!

• Good luck to JJ Roepke who is attempting to stay awake for the 89.1 hours of the KWAR marathon beginning Wednesday.

• The Seven Dust concert in Waterloo Saturday rocked!

Write to trumpet@wartburg.edu
to contribute to Blow Your Horn.



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Advocacy group to perform

By KATIE MEYER
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"Sheltered Reality: Music with meaning" will perform at 7 p.m. Thursday in Neumann Auditorium as part of Wartburg's Year of Social Work.

Their message is advocacy for children and teens in difficult situations due to an array of problems. They are able to bring a variety of communities together through their mix of distinct music and education.

The group approaches its music in a very distinct way through the use of percussion. The group's Web site www.sheltered-reality.org said it chooses to approach its music so the message being sent "is remembered by all in attendance."

The main goal is to encourage young adults to advocate

for those in less fortunate situations or for those in need. The group believes this goal can be met through a variety of means. One way to help is by

actually joining Sheltered Reality as a volunteer or a musician. Another option is becoming "proactive and responsive citizens in [your] home communities," according to the web site.

Many of the events on campus relate to advocacy because it is Wartburg's Year of Social Work. "As social workers, it's our job to advocate," junior Kara Aanenson said. Aanenson is co-president of Social Work Club.

The club has been busy

throughout the year. Their Holiday Shoppe helped over 400 children and 200 families in Bremer County. "This year was our most successful year,"

senior Lauren Vincent said. She is also co-president of Wartburg's Social Work Club. Next year will be the 20th anniversary of the Holiday Shoppe.

In addition to the Holiday Shoppe, the Social Work Club has also participated in poverty simulations. "It's like living in a shortened day of someone in poverty," Aanenson said. She became well acquainted with its frustrations not long after she began her participa-

tion in a simulation. When speaking of the simulations, Aanenson said, "It really does open your eyes."

Another poverty simulation will be held this Thursday, prior to the Sheltered Reality concert, in Memorial Gymnasium on the Brehwood campus from 1 to 4 p.m.

As the Year of Social Work comes to a close, Aanenson and Vincent remind students of the Major Barbara performance at 7:30 p.m. April 6, 7 and 8 in McCaskey Lyceum.

Wartburg named the 2005-06 academic year as the Year of Social Work, honoring the department's 60-year history at the college. Wartburg's social work department is the oldest undergraduate program of its kind in Iowa.

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Registration process underway

By SNEHA PRADHAN
Staff Writer

Registration for the 2006-07 year kicked off Monday and Tuesday with next year's seniors continuing to take advantage of the option to register online through My.Wartburg. Sign-up opened for current sophomores today and will continue until 11:30 p.m. Tuesday. Freshmen registration opens at 12 a.m. Monday, April 3.

Registrar Sheree Covert said upperclassman registration went smoothly overall, with the technology serving as an added convenience for students.

"The technology did not present any problems," Covert said. "Most issues occur because students have not read the registration instructions which are available in a booklet outside the Registrar's office, or they have not reviewed the online registration documentation on My.Wartburg."

Some students, however, did experience inconveniences with registering this year.

"When I went online Monday to register I encountered a problem saying that it wouldn't let me register," junior Erin Gustitus said. "I had to call my adviser at his house and he actually came to Wartburg to help me out and he confirmed that I was able to register for classes."

With seniors and juniors registering first, most of the upperclassmen were able to get into their first choices for classes.

"It was a lot easier," junior Amanda Pullin said. "I was not on any waitlist. In the past I was typically on two or three waitlists per semester actually. So being a senior is really nice just to get in the classes." Pullin added that kinks seemed to have been worked out with the online registration.

However, some students were unable to avoid the typical registration burdens, waitlists and course availability.

"For me it was much easier because I knew what I wanted to take, and I'm going to Wartburg West," junior Veronica Maravi said. "I filled out the form with my adviser and I took it to the Registrar and they put it together. I noticed that they signed me up and I checked and I'm not in one class and there are 12 people waitlisted for fall next year."

All students must have Winter and May Term bills paid in full to register for classes. If the online registration program prevents a student from registering for a course, the student must bring their signed registration grid to the Registrar's office. Students can register at the Registrar's office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the days they are eligible to register.

"Students appreciate the opportunity to register in their rooms and avoid standing in line. The lines for onsite registration move rather quickly. Do not assume. Prepare. Verify that you are ready to register," Covert said.

The registration information booklet, located outside the Registrar's office, has information regarding any questions about the online registration.

Online registration was put into effect two years ago to make class registration more convenient for students. However, some classes are restricted and require registration on-site. Those classes are listed in the booklet and on My.Wartburg.

Students are advised to check and com-

plete an on-site registration form for courses not available through online registration. The list of questions to verify whether students are ready is available in writing and online.

"The online steps or process for registration has not changed relative to technology," Covert said. "Curriculum changes may affect online registration if students do not verify that they have met the prerequisites. For instance, not only has the prefix for BI 385 changed to SCI 385, but the prerequisites have changed."

"If students who have not met the new prerequisites try to register, they will receive a message that they cannot register for this class online since they have not met the prerequisites. If a student has not met prerequisites, they need to discuss this with their adviser. In some instances the department will clear the student to enroll in the course without the prerequisites."

Students must also consider that they need to select each academic term after linking to "Course Search" and click on the "Change" button during the online registration. The "Campus Web" welcome page will initially say "Registration Closed" because it defaults to the current term. The welcome page clearly identifies the term as Winter Term 2005-06.

According to www.wartburg.edu/registrar, students should clear all schedule changes with their adviser. Students can make approved changes to their schedule online during the designated two days for registration. Changes after submission of the on-site registration form or after the online registration dates require submitting the appropriate drop-add card to the Registrar's office.

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Knights want to Know

Q: What are some fashion tips for spring?

A: Socks with sandals are a no, for one, unless there's hiking involved, and there aren't any mountains on the horizon. Also, black and blue only belong together in a bruise, and clothes that fit are always in style.

Q: Why is there seemingly no pop in the Konditerei machine?

A: They haven't had the key to refill the machine recently. When they have, they haven't had any pop to put in it, but the situation should be rectified soon.

Send your burning questions to trumpet@wartburg.edu.

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The Trumpet seeks candidates for all 2006-07 sections. Jobs include writers, assistant editors, editors, copy editors, photographers, columnists, cartoonists and graphic designers. E-mail trumpet@wartburg.edu with name, year, past experience and positions you are interested in by Wednesday. All majors are welcome to apply.

KWAR SEEKS APPLICANTS

Wartburg's student-run radio station is looking for energetic people to apply for the 2006-07 academic year. Applications are available in the communication arts office and are due by Monday, April 3. All positions receive a monthly paycheck. Available positions include asst. station manager, programming director, music director, asst. music director, sports director, asst. sports director, news director, asst. news director, production director, asst. production director, promotions director, asst. promotions director and web master.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Forms are located in the narthex for the Senior High Youth Event Saturday and Sunday. E-mail Melissa.James@wartburg.edu for information.

MANORSFEST 2006

Manorsfest 2006 will be from 5:30 to 11 p.m. Monday, April 3. Inflatable games and outdoor fun will be from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., and there will be free food, live music and comedy by Tim Young from 8:30 to 11 p.m. Res Life, ETK and Student Senate will sponsor the event.

ISRAELI ELECTION DAY EVENT

Ned Hanauer will speak about "Palestinian and Israeli elections: What Next?" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Buckmaster.

Proceeds of road race to benefit children of Bremwood

By ALLISON SCHMIDT
Editor-in-Chief

The first ever Bremwood 5K for Kids road race will take place at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 8, in Waverly. The 5K route will begin and end near the Lied education building on the Bremwood campus, located at 106 16th St. SW, Waverly.

According to Erin Grandgenett, Wartburg Pavement Pounders president, the race is "a col-

laboration between Wartburg College Pavement Pounders and Bremwood." The Bremwood campus of Lutheran Services in Iowa is home to more than 100 children.

Vicky Kukral, intake supervisor at Bremwood, said proceeds from the race will go to purchase new recreational equipment, such as a new exercise bike, elliptical or treadmill.

"Some of the recreational equipment the kids have is very

old," Kukral said. "We don't have any ellipticals or treadmills."

Race organizers hope Wartburg students and members of the Waverly community participate.

"Anybody can come and run," Grandgenett said. "It's a run/walk, so even people who just want to walk can come out. The goal is just to get people there to have a good time and to support a good cause."

Since the Pavement Pounders organization was formed three

years ago, Grandgenett said the group has put on a race for a different organization each year. The first year, race proceeds went to cleft palate research, and last year's Habitat Hustle benefited Habitat for Humanity.

The registration fee for this year's race is \$10 for Wartburg students and \$15 for all other entrants up until the day of the race. Registrations will be accepted on the day of the race beginning at 7:30 a.m. On race day, the

entry fee is \$15 for Wartburg students and \$20 for other entrants.

Medals will be awarded to the top three male and female finishers in 10 age divisions. A trophy will also be awarded to the top male and female finisher overall. Refreshments and door prizes will be offered following the race.

Contact Grandgenett at Erin.Grandgenett@wartburg.edu to request a registration form.

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Music marathon features fun, prizes

By ALLISON SCHMIDT
Editor-in-Chief

The annual KWAR 89.1-hour marathon begins at 7 a.m. Wednesday and will continue through 12:06 a.m. Sunday. KWAR, Wartburg's student radio station, will have live DJs and give away prizes every hour for the length of the marathon.

"The goal of the marathon is to get KWAR out into the campus community, to put a face to the voices on the radio and to get everyone more involved through activities and promotions," KWAR promotions director senior Steph Goetz said.

The theme for this year is "The 89.1-hour marathon of fun and we're not even kidding."

As a new twist this year, staff members will stop by student dorms and award prizes to students listening to KWAR. The station will also be broadcasting live from local businesses, dorm rooms and other locations.

The station is having a cook-out at the baseball game Saturday afternoon and giving food to the first students who attend. It will also host a free concert at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Cardinal Commons featuring performances by Every Other Thursday and Colonial P.A. Students attending the concert can enter to win a grand prize and other door prizes.

KWAR programming director Ed Stoltman said planning the marathon has been harder than expected. "I have been trying to organize the volunteer DJs to fill the time slots, but most of the

schedule so far has been occupied by staff and faculty."

Stoltman said he looks forward to spending time with his fellow staff members before graduation.

According to station manager Mike Greenwald, the marathon is a special way to end the year and celebrate the efforts of staff members and volunteers.

"At KWAR we take pride in the fact that we can offer so much fun to the campus while still giving students a good learning opportunity about what goes into the radio business," Greenwald said.

The KWAR staff will be "camping out," living and sleeping in the radio studio during the 89.1 hours. "La Mañana" morning show host senior JJ Roepke is going to attempt to stay awake for the entire 89.1 hours, a tradition some have tried in the past.

"I thought I'd give them a hand with the old tradition and see if I could stay up for the entire time," Roepke said. "To my knowledge, people have come close, but I don't think anybody has made it yet.... I'm excited to give it a whirl."

Roepke plans to call in once an hour to report on his status.

Students can listen to the marathon starting at 7 a.m. Wednesday by listening to the Web cast at www.kwar.org or tuning their radio to 89.1 FM. Listeners can call in at Ext. 8306.

"It would be so great to have a lot of listeners this year," Stoltman said. "Last year there were a ton of listeners.... Tune in and call us. It'll be tons of fun."

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Roland Ferrie/TRUMPET

Juniors Sonci Kingery and Dana Collova dance the night away at Knight Elegance Friday in the ballrooms. The annual semi-formal dance was hosted by ETK.

Undergrads report harassment

By JESSICA NYSTEL
Staff Writer

According to a recent report by the American Association of University Women (AAUW), almost 62 percent of college undergraduates say they have been sexually harassed.

Sexual harassment was defined for the report as unwanted sexual behavior which interferes with a student's life in class, on campus or at college-related events. This could include sexual comments, gestures, sexual rumors, grabbing or pinching in a sexual way, forcibly kissing or forcing other sexual acts on another person.

The report's results indicate that about 68 percent of female and 35 percent of male undergraduates who experienced sexual harassment felt very or somewhat upset as a result. Only 7 percent of students said they reported the incident to a college employee. Of the female students who experienced harassment, 32 percent said they felt afraid.

Dr. Kathy Kremer, assistant professor of community sociology and co-director of college-university relations for the AAUW of Iowa, named three significant aspects.

"Number one, this shows the sheer percentage of college students who've been victims of sexual harassment," she said. "Number two, this is not just a 'women's prob-

lem,' and number three, in a majority of cases, students are not telling campus officials" about the harassment.

John Myers, director of campus security, said students may feel peer pressure not to report sexual harassment. Myers also said adults who may witness a student being sexually harassed may not realize the severity of the situation, which could be another reason students do not report sexual harassment.

"There may be generational differences," he said. Older people "may see students in a certain situation and think it's normal for that generation. Students need to come forward."

Wartburg does not have statistics to compare with the AAUW report, but Pete Armstrong, director of Res Life, said the report's results are probably similar to the number of sexual harassment incidents at Wartburg.

Because Wartburg is residential, students may be more vulnerable to sexual harassment because "people are more trusting and let down their guard," Armstrong said.

Armstrong said there are two college policies concerning sexual harassment and misconduct. As outlined in the student handbook, the sexual harassment policy deals mostly with workplace or educational conduct on campus. The separate policy concerned with sexual misconduct includes offenses like non-consensual sexual intercourse and contact.

April is Sexual Awareness Month, and Wartburg's Sexual Misconduct and Assault Resource Team (SMART) will help educate students about safe sex issues and what to do if sexually harassed or assaulted.

"Harassment can be very vague in terms of a simple hug or comment," senior Abbie Gruseth, SMART president, said. Gruseth said students "need to set boundaries and make them clear. Tell the person it is not OK. Talk to someone or get a third party involved. In some cases, the person inflicting the harassment may not even realize it."

Gruseth said students who are sexually harassed should tell someone they are comfortable telling, including a SMART member, an RA, or a member of the faculty or Res Life. Campus posters have SMART's contact information.

Kremer said reporting sexual harassment shows that it is a serious and real situation, not something that someone should be ashamed of.

"Most students don't report because they don't think it's a big deal," she said. "They may be ashamed and think it's an isolated incident, but statistics show that they're in the majority, not the minority."

Conducted by the AAUW in May 2005, the report surveyed more than 2,000 U.S. undergraduate college students and is considered the most comprehensive research to date on college campus sexual harassment.

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Castle Singers to perform Dessert Concert Saturday

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The Castle Singers will host their annual Dessert Concert at 3 p.m. Saturday in Knights Ballroom.

The group will perform the songs from its upcoming European tour while the audience enjoys desserts and refreshments courtesy of Dining Services. Tickets are \$6 for students and \$12 for adults.

"[Knights Ballroom is] a good venue

for the Castle Singers because jazz is nice in kind of a club setting, a more intimate setting instead of a big formal room. It's a more relaxed, smaller venue," Dr. Jane Andrews, Castle Singers director, said.

The Singers design the table decorations to complement the program's theme, which focuses on different cities that have influenced the development of jazz.

Featured songs include "Goin' to Kansas City," "St. Louis Blues," "What a Wonderful World," "Birdland" and a set of sacred music written by Duke Ellington.

"He wrote the most music of any American and he felt that the sacred stuff was his best, which is kind of cool," Andrews said.

Lemon meringue pie, Bailey's chocolate chip cheesecake, other desserts, coffee and fruit punch will be served. The concert is the group's major fundraiser for the year.

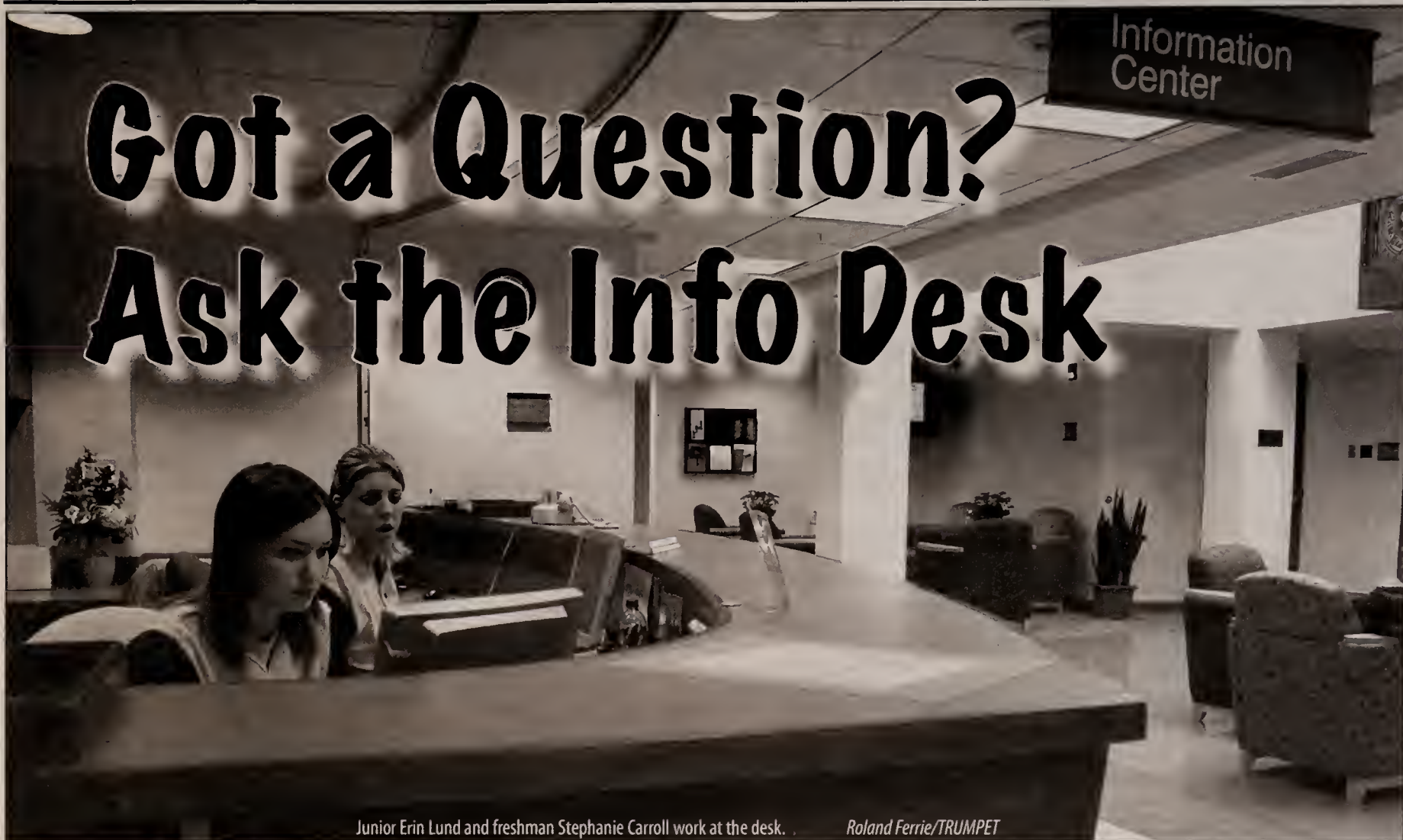
The Castle Singers leave April 30 for a May Term tour of Europe. They will perform in church services and concerts throughout Austria, Germany, Italy and Slovenia. Some highlights include visiting the Kaiser Wilhelm Church in Berlin, a mil-

itary base in Italy and Waverly's sister city, Eisenach, where Andrews said some of the best jazz archives in the world are kept.

Students will also lead a number of jazz workshops in European schools. "They love jazz over there," Andrews said.

"What I'm looking forward to is this unique blend of people and we all enjoy touring with each other. Not everyone can be a touring group, but we are," Ryan Hahn, a baritone sophomore, said.

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Junior Erin Lund and freshman Stephanie Carroll work at the desk.

Roland Ferrie/TRUMPET

By KRYSTAL FOWLER
Assistant KnightLife Editor

The Info Desk is the place to call if you need to know the phone number for any person or office on campus. Most people at least know the number to call for information, Ext. 8200 or dialing 0, even if they don't know how to contact anyone else.

Fielding prank calls, drunk calls and people who want to know a phone number without knowing the person's name are some of the most common problems that workers run into. People also sometimes want the numbers for businesses in Cedar Falls or Waterloo, which the Info Desk workers usually don't know offhand.

However, junior Jessica Schultz still thinks working at the Info Desk is one of the best jobs on campus.

Schultz, who has worked there since the summer before her freshman year, says helping people is one of the most rewarding aspects of her job.

"When we have a parent who has to contact their student because there's been an emergency, and when we can help them, that's really a wonderful experience," Schultz said.

Experiences like that are not common, though. Junior Michelle Caldwell has worked at the Info Desk since October. Although she says it is often a quiet place

to work, she really enjoys it.

"I usually do my homework or freshen up on my numbers sometimes," Caldwell said. "People are usually always walking by and asking questions even when it's quiet."

Senior Nikki Kuethe agrees. Kuethe is one of the student managers of the Info Desk and has worked there for more than three years.

"The one reason I love the job is [that] not only do you get to know a lot of people, but when you work nights, you have a scheduled time to do homework," Kuethe said.

However, the desk isn't quiet all of the time. There are also times when the job can feel overwhelming.

"It's not a one-call-at-a-time thing. I think I have had five calls at one time before, with four people on hold. People hang up before you get to them, and that's frustrating when you're going as fast as you can," Schultz said.

Since Schultz has worked at the Info Desk for almost three years, she is used to getting all kinds of calls. Some of the most interesting calls that she has received cannot be answered or have nothing to do with campus.

"The drunk calls are probably the most interesting," Schultz said. "We also get telemarketers. They're fun to hang up on.

I'll say something like, 'I don't want what you're selling. I'm the Wartburg College Information Desk.'"

The Info Desk isn't just a place to call. Workers also refer many students to the neighboring Copy Center for faxes, copies to Dining Services for new IDs. They also accept flowers and other gifts, and they will call or e-mail students to come and pick up their packages.

"Valentine's Day is like crisis time for us. We get so many gifts— so many flowers and packages and balloons. The smell can be almost overwhelming in here from all the flowers," Schultz said.

Info Desk workers also sell Artist Series tickets and answer general information questions. Sometimes a worker will even escort people somewhere if there are two people at the desk.

Caldwell says that many times when people come to events on campus, the first place they head is the Info Desk. Since the visitor parking lot is close by and the Info Desk is located near most campus venues, many people stop to get directions.

However, looking up numbers and transferring calls is a major part of working at the desk.

"I probably have 15 or 20 numbers memorized," Caldwell said. "If my friends ask me, usually I can just tell them, which is really convenient."

"I'm pretty sure you could ask me any number of the main offices, even a few professors', and I would know them. I feel like I'm a walking telephone book of Wartburg College," Kuethe said.

Kuethe says the most-asked question is definitely for one of the offices on campus. People usually want to be connected to the Admissions, Controller's, Registrar's or Financial Aid offices.

However, the Info Desk's directory can also answer almost anything that callers would want to know. It includes all on-campus phone numbers, campus maps and directions, schedules for the Waldemar A. Schmidt Gallery, convocation information, the numbers for many local restaurants and businesses and many other bits of information.

Schultz says their main job is to help callers. She sees the Info Desk as one of the most visible aspects of Wartburg College. She always wants people, especially parents and prospective students to feel satisfied.

"If we don't know the answer, we will transfer you to someone who does," Schultz said.

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GAYLA Week beginning

By KRYSTAL FOWLER
Assistant Knightlife Editor

GAYLA Week: It's not just a gay thing!

That is the theme for the first annual GAYLA week, beginning at 7:30 p.m. today in McCoy East with a showing of the Oscar winning movie, "The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert."

The theme is being used to promote campus-wide support of the events and to let people know that the week isn't just for members of the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender (GLBT) community and friends, but for anyone interested in learning more about the history and issues surrounding the lives of GLBT people.

Four events will be held during the week including the movie, a speaker, a panel discussion and a cabaret show.

"This series of programs is something we thought would educate people in an entertaining way and create more awareness for the campus community," Rob Anderson, Alliance adviser, said.

Anderson first experienced a GAYLA week at the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse, where it is held annually. He brought the idea with him to Wartburg and hopes it will become an annual event.

"The plan is to do two large series of events, one in the fall and one in the spring. Those would be National Coming Out Week and GAYLA week, with other smaller events during the year," Anderson said.

At 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the ballrooms, Danny Roberts from MTV's

Wartburg College Alliance

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gayla week

It's Not Just a Gay Thing!



Monday at 7:30 p.m. "The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert"
Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Speaker Danny Roberts
Wednesday at 8 p.m. Presenter Ryan Roerman
Friday at 8 p.m. "Drag in the City" and "Queer Eye for the Wartburg Guy"

"The Real World: New Orleans" will speak. Since leaving the show, Roberts has begun speaking about his life experiences. He discusses topics like spirituality, sexual identity and government policies regarding GLBT people and issues.

At 8 p.m. Wednesday in McCoy East, Ryan Roerman from the Iowa Pride Network will lead a panel discussion and presentation. His topic will be "Are our schools safe? What it's like to be GLBT in Iowa." The discussion will focus on the experience of Iowa's GLBT students as well as what the Wartburg community can do to make the campus better for everyone.

The final activity of the week will take place at 8 p.m. Friday in Neumann Auditorium. "Drag in the City," a cabaret show, will feature performers from the Cedar Valley. Miss Gay Waterloo 2006 and members of the Wartburg

community will make appearances. The show will include a presentation on the history and impact of drag in the GLBT community.

That night will also be the premiere of "Queer Eye for the Wartburg Guy," which will feature students and staff making over student body president Matt Lamos. Lamos will receive a total makeover, including new hair, clothing, skin care, dance moves and a room makeover.

Anderson hopes these programs will be supported enthusiastically and help educate people. Rather than have events specifically for members of the GLBT community, Alliance decided to sponsor programs emphasizing education. They want to spread the word: "It's not just a gay thing."

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the DORK side

By NATHAN COUNTRYMAN



Congratulations to the producers of "Voices from the Storm" and all who attended the New Orleans documentary Wednesday. I have talked with several of the people associated with creating the documentary during the past few months, so I know about the hours of work they spent putting the footage together. For them to have a packed house for a premiere of the documentary speaks volumes about this college. It shows our dedication to service and claiming our callings, as well as how we all wish to see students excel in their career fields.

I agree with Travis Bockenstedt's statement that making a documentary without having a narrator is far more daunting than making one with a narrator, as you need to rely on other people to tell a story, not someone who can bridge scenes together. The lack of narration gives the viewer a more personal feel for the experiences of those who faced the devastation, which is something the crew should be very proud of. The quality of the documentary's balance of perspectives in telling the victims' stories was a terrific feat as well, and it shows the promise these young journalists will likely display in their fields.

The documentary has even made me think about joining the next service trip headed to New Orleans during Tour Week to find my calling in service. I think it would be terrific to see everyone at the screening make that trek to show how dedicated Wartburg College is to serving others.

On a different note, opening up USA Today, I stumbled across a front page article that made me stop. Apparently, teenagers are going the extra mile to ask dates to prom, treating the event like a marriage proposal. Am I missing something here? Sure, it's romantic to have someone interested in you, but this is a one-night deal in which dresses, tuxes, hair, tans and flowers already cost a good deal. Now to line up the date, these girls have to be treated like queens to go out for an evening they probably would have gone to anyway? Give me a break!

There is something morally wrong with this idea because it suggests that prom is comparable to making a decision for the rest of your life. I think asking people to prom in a manner similar to those romantic people who ask people to marry them is sweet, don't get me wrong, but how many of you who went to prom are going to remember the names of your dates for the rest of your life? Where are teenagers getting these ideas?

Teenage soap operas like "Laguna Beach" or "The O.C." set the social standards for their grades. I find it funny that music used on these shows or clothing worn by the characters somehow becomes "all the rage" among cliques in high school. They idolize the people portrayed there and mimic them instead of being an individual. That's what scares me most, because those who oppose that viewpoint of what is "normal" and strike out to be an individual are the ones who are treated like scum.

One more thing that has ruffled my demeanor this past week: Fox has renewed "The Simpsons" for up to an 18th season. Why is it a show that is well past its prime (let's face it— they are really stretching story lines nowadays and rehashing ones they've already used) can last so long on network television, but ones that show actual promise like "Scrubs," "Arrested Development" or "Firefly" are canceled before they've even exhausted or caught up to their audience? What does Fox owe "The Simpsons" now? Last I checked, its ratings weren't doing as well as the ABC Sunday line-up.

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Movie Review

by Nathan Countryman

"V for Vendetta"

"Remember, remember the fifth of November."

So begins one of the most unique movie-going experiences I've had this year. If you're looking for a movie to see, I suggest skipping my review and heading to theaters ASAP. The film "V for Vendetta," directed by James McTeigue, adapted by the Wachowski brothers (the visionaries behind the Matrix trilogy) from an Alan Moore comic book series and starring Hugo Weaving ("The Matrix") and Natalie Portman ("Garden State"), is a film experience like no other.

Coming out during a time when Hollywood has dropped its veil on political activism and ideas, the film's message is a strikingly intriguing attack on corrupt governments. The quote that still sticks with me even a week after the movie has been in theaters is one that is all over the advertising: "People shouldn't be scared of their governments. Governments should be scared of their people."

The acting by Portman is superb, and Evey is one of her best roles to date. I have to say the growth of her character from meek and defenseless at the beginning of the film to

being unafraid of death is one of the greatest transformations I've seen from her since her first role in "Leon: the Professional." Also, Weaving's portrayal of the protagonist of the film, the terrorist V, is profoundly well done, even though his face is hidden from the audience for the entirety of the film. His opening monologue is one of the standout moments of the film because of its rich alliteration of the letter v and the quick pace at which he delivers the speech. It really makes me wonder if one of the items on the forthcoming DVD will be outtakes of Weaving trying to get that monologue just right.

The film struck a cord with me, not only because the directors chose the right time to release it, but also because of its message. While the source material was written and published by Moore in the early '80s, the statements about what happens when a government tries to run its country through fear and control is relevant today. It is a cautionary tale for our own generation to heed. Since the Wachowski brothers did have a hand in the creation of this film, there are elements of CGI special effects, but for the most part, the film doesn't rely on them to tell its story. Instead, it focuses on character development. My only gripe with the film comes from the ending and V's characterization there. Up to that point, V has been working covertly behind the scenes to see the destruction of the government, but the film's ending leads to a distinctly different characterization than what was seen earlier. Otherwise, the film was extraordinary, and I can't wait for the special edition DVD to be released.

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Knights take three despite cold



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Sophomore Drew Newhoff throws a fastball in Wartburg's win against St. Mary's Saturday.

By AARON HAGEN
Assistant Sports Editor

For the Wartburg baseball team, it's been a long time coming. For the past two weeks, the Knights have been sitting dormant. The Iowa weather that plagues baseball in March postponed Wartburg's home opener to last weekend. Wartburg took advantage, winning three out of four games.

Wartburg faced Viterbo on Sunday afternoon and came away with two wins. Behind a four-hit shutout by senior Matt Petersen, Wartburg won the first game 1-0. Wartburg's only run came via two consecutive errors in the fourth inning.

The Knights won the second game of the day behind a 10-hit performance that produced seven runs. Wartburg jumped out to a three-run lead in the first inning, and senior Tyler Archer took care of the rest on the hill. Archer gave up just one run, which was unearned, in Wartburg's 7-1 victory.

"It just felt good to have all three phases of the game together," Archer said. "The defense is working, the pitching was working, and the sticks finally came alive."

Archer was also quick to give his teammate and fellow senior credit.

"Petey (Matt Petersen) pitched an awesome game," Archer said. "It's just great to see the whole pitching staff clicking. [Petersen] has been on a great streak too, so it's good to see that."

With the weather that prevented games from being played, head coach Joel Holst was happy to see his team even take the field.

"It was really critical for us to get these games in because we have been sitting around

for two weeks," Holst said. "I don't want to make any excuses for our offense, but there is no doubt that them not seeing live pitching for that period of time does not help. The more live pitching we see as we go into the conference season, that's really important."

Saturday, the Knights split against St. Mary's in a doubleheader at home. In the first game, Wartburg needed extra innings to take the 5-4 win. After going down 4-3 in the eighth, the Knights scored a run in the bottom part of the inning to tie the game. In the ninth inning, Wartburg scored with one out to take the one-run win.

Seniors Casey Pauli and Patrick Henderson led the way with two hits on the game. Junior Ryan Grant also contributed with a multi-hit game.

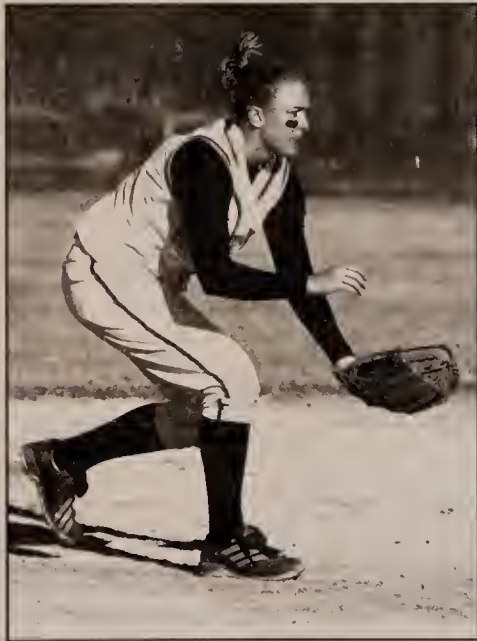
The second game produced just as much excitement as St. Mary's scored four runs in the seventh inning to win, 5-2. Senior Ryan Morman took the loss, throwing all seven innings, and giving up four earned runs. Pauli once again led the offensive attack going 2-4 in the game.

"Our pitching staff really did a tremendous job this weekend," Holst said. "We played good defense, other than maybe a couple plays in the second game [Saturday]. So we're happy overall with the pitching performances we had over the weekend and the defense we are playing."

Wartburg increases its record to 12-5 on the season after the 3-1 weekend. This week, the Knights host Ashford University on Tuesday. Iowa Conference action opens up Saturday as Wartburg hosts Buena Vista. Both games are scheduled for 1 p.m.

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Sunday sweep starts week for softball



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Senior Cari Kinzenbaw fields a groundball Wednesday.

By ABBY SHOWALTER
Sports Writer

Numerous strikeouts and lots of runs capped the softball team's three-victory weekend in the Quincy Lady Hawk Invite tournament in Quincy, Ill.

The Knights faced stiff Div. II competition and won three of four games in the tournament. Freshman pitcher Angela Hartwig stepped up to pitch in a big win and was backed by senior Cari Kinzenbaw and junior Stephanie Howe.

Sunday brought two W's for Wartburg as it defeated the University of Missouri-St. Louis and Winona State University in dominating fashion.

The Knights scored three runs to defeat UMSL early in the day and scored six runs to defeat Winona State by four in the second game of the day.

Senior shortstop Cari Kinzenbaw was pleased with the team's efforts.

"All the teams we played were tough competition," Kinzenbaw said. "Different people stepped up at different times. It

was a total team effort."

Wartburg opened up Saturday playing the University of Nebraska-Omaha. The Knights lost, 2-1. The women had four hits, and Howe scored the only run for Wartburg. Senior pitcher Jackie Sorenson took the loss.

In the second game, Wartburg faced off against Grand Valley State University. The women took it to the Lakers and came out with a 4-1 victory. Hartwig turned in an impressive game, striking out seven and only walking one batter in seven innings. Grand Valley stranded nine runners on base.

Howe stepped up big with two hits and scored one run. Kinzenbaw also played well, hitting a home run and contributing three RBIs to the game.

"I try to be a leader on the field and support the team in any way," Kinzenbaw said.

Earlier this week, Wartburg took on UNI in a tough non-conference game.

The Knights battled the Panthers down to the wire but fell, 7-6.

"It was a tough loss and UNI is a good team," Kinzenbaw said. "It was a good loss for us. We fought back and played hard."

Sophomore Ashley Steines had two hits and two runs, aided by Kinzenbaw who drove in two runs on two hits.

Sorenson opened up the pitching for Wartburg, striking out four. Hartwig came on in relief, striking out one and taking the loss.

Wartburg scored three runs to take the lead by one run heading into the bottom of the last inning but UNI's offense was too much for Wartburg. The Panthers scored two runs to win the game.

Both teams had six hits, but the Knights had five errors to UNI's two.

Wartburg takes on UW-LaCrosse at 2 p.m. Tuesday at home. Wednesday, the Knights take to the road to face UW-Platteville at 2:30 p.m. The team opens up the conference season with a 1 p.m. double-header Saturday at Coe.

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Golfers hoping spring season brings title run

By LUKE SHANNO
Sports Writer

The men's golf team is rolling into the 2006 spring season after a promising fall performance. The team had a top-five and a top 10-finish in three tournaments. Under the coaching of Ted Reuter and Marv Ott, the golf team is hoping to carry that over and have a strong showing this spring.

Even though many of the players thought the team could have done better in the fall season, they had only good things to say about this coming season.

"We played mediocre this fall but we have a lot of good things to look forward to this spring," senior Kevin Ault said.

"We have a lot of potential. We just need to put it all together," junior Andrew Miller added.

"Coach Reuter feels that Wartburg very

well might have the best ball strikers in our conference," Ott said. "But we'll have to make improvements in our short games and become more consistent through tournament rounds."

In preparation for its spring season, the team took a trip to Florida during winter break to compete against other collegiate teams. The team brought a lot back with them after the trip.

"It was good to get out on the courses and play against another team in a competitive mode," Miller said.

The coaches also thought the trip was very beneficial for the players.

"I think all our players who made the trip worked hard on getting their swings and touch back and made good progress," Ott said.

The team has lofty goals going into the spring season.

"We want to win conference and hopefully make it to nationals," Ault said.

To accomplish these goals, the men's squad will look to the leadership of seniors Ault and Ryan Kineth, along with returning juniors Miller and Blake Halvorsen. The Knights will also be looking to the consistent play of freshman Jared Fairbanks, who was able to crack the top five of the line-up during the fall campaign. Other returning players vying for a spot on the team include senior Jeff Callahan and juniors Scott Burns and Michael Eganhouse.

Being the only freshman to make the varsity squad this year, Fairbanks feels very fortunate.

"Playing here as a freshman is a big accomplishment for me," he said. "The competition here is at a much higher level than in high school."

The Knights will be in action every

weekend during April, kicking off the season with the Loras Invitational in Dubuque Saturday and Sunday. They conclude the season with the Iowa Conference Tournament split over the last two weekends in April in Iowa City and Dubuque.

The squad's only home meet this spring is the Wartburg Invitational, which will take place at Centennial Oaks Golf Course Friday, April 7, and the Waverly Municipal Golf Course Saturday, April 8.

Even though the team only has one meet at home, it hopes to make a splash on the radar this season.

"We've got a lot of good players," Ault said. "This could be the year we make it to nationals."

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The great
OUTDOORSTrack crowns 11 champs,
sets four meet recordsBy ADAM HARRINGA
Sports Writer

The track and field team competed at the Wartburg Open Saturday in its first outdoor track meet of the season. With temperatures in the 30s for most of the day and the wind affecting performances, the Knights battled the elements en route to a successful opener. The women and men were led by seven and four event champions, respectively.

"We were definitely prepared for the weather," coach Marcus Newsom said. "I was very pleased overall."

With the PEC indoor track unavailable because of construction, the team has been forced to practice outside regardless of weather conditions. Although this could be seen as a negative situation, the team has used it to its benefit.

"With the current practice situation we had to be outside in inclement weather," Newsom said. "It forced us to become tougher mentally, and it had a huge impact in preparing us for the meet."

One of Wartburg's athletes unaffected by the weather was junior Bridget Burns. Burns won both individual events she competed in—the long jump and the 200m. In the long jump, Burns had a best mark of 16'11.5" and she ran a 25.75 in the 200. Burns also competed on the winning 4x800m relay team.

In the 100m hurdles, freshman Kelsey Stephens' first-place finish set a new Wartburg Open meet record. The 100m hurdle record was one of nine meet records to fall, four of which were set by Wartburg athletes. Senior Keith Solverson also ran a meet record, winning the 1500m in 4:02.68. Also setting meet records for the Knights were the women's 4x100m relay team and the men's 4x400m relay.

The first provisional qualifier for the Knights came in the javelin. Junior Amy Koester's second-place throw of 128'4" puts her on the national qualifying list.

"I was surprised by my throw since I hadn't qualified at all last year," Koester said. "The wind wasn't too bad. I was throwing into the wind for part of it, but it didn't affect it that much."

Others earning first-place honors were junior Lucy Joseph in the 100m, sophomore Heidi Porter in the 1500m, sophomore Kyle Peters in the 110m hurdles and a men's 4x800m relay team.

Next week, the team will be competing at two meets. Part of the team will be in Columbia, Mo., for the Missouri Relays, and the rest of the team will be in Rock Island, Ill., for the Augie Relays.

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(Above) Junior Reda Chester launches herself into the long jump pit. (Left) Sophomore Karl Vogel lands one of his jumps.

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Men drop duals to regional opponents

By JOSIAH BRANDT
Sports Writer

The Wartburg tennis team took an unusual trip Saturday, playing two non-conference schools at two different conference facilities. Starting off the morning with Wabash College of Crawfordsville, Ind., the Knights took a 5-2 loss on the Coe College campus.

After traveling to Cornell College, the Knights played the second match of the day, taking a 6-1 loss to Augustana College of Rock Island, Ill.

Failing to win the doubles point in either of the two matches, the Knights received wins against Wabash from sophomore Tylor Schlader 7-5, 6-4, at No. 2 and senior Nick Wuertz 6-2, 6-2 at No. 4.

"Consistency was what won it for me," Wuertz said. "He wasn't very

aggressive and neither was I, so it was just a battle to see who could put it over the net and in bounds."

Senior Nick Petaros recorded his fifth win of the season as the lone win for the Knights against Augustana.

Petaros pulled out a thrilling 7-5, 1-6, 13-11, super-tiebreaker at No. 5.

Wartburg dropped a close match to start the meet, where junior Gerhard Asiedu-Ofei lost 7-5, 7-5, at No. 1.

The Knights will attempt to rebound Saturday, taking to the courts at home against Simpson at 9 a.m. and Buena Vista at 3 p.m.

Last season Wartburg rebounded from a 4-3 loss to Simpson by defeating them 4-0 in the first round of the Iowa Conference tournament.

"We're bringing a totally different team to the match than we had last

year," Wuertz said. "We're just trying to do what we did last year with new guys in different spots."

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IIAC Standings

Coe	4-0	20-3
Central	3-0	10-5
Simpson	2-0	3-6
Luther	3-1	8-7
Wartburg	2-2	4-11
Cornell	2-4	3-11
Dubuque	1-5	1-6
Loras	0-1	0-1
Buena Vista	0-4	0-7

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SEAHAWKS-VIKINGS SAGA

SPICING UP NFL OFFSEASON

Throughout the NFL's history, some strange happenings have occurred. From Immaculate Receptions to various individual and team dances, the NFL has kept life interesting for all of its followers. The wheelings and dealings this offseason, however, may top it all in quirky football history.

To start off, the NFLPA and NFL owners redefined the word deadline. The new definition apparently is "a good way to keep the media talking even though nothing is happening." Luckily for the NFL and everyone else, a deal was reached and a labor strike was averted. But the way it was reached set the stage for several odd deals and unexpected signings.

We'll start as close to Waverly as possible, which of course means the enchanted land of Minnesota, where bad voodoo has been emanating from the Metrodome ever since the love boat scandal last season. The Vikings, who apparently know their way around a contract a lot better than a football field, signed star Seattle guard Steve Hutchinson to a seemingly innocent seven-year, \$49 million deal. In order to ensure this sign, however, the Vikes included a clause that made Hutchinson's contract guaranteed if he was not the highest paid lineman on the team. Since Seattle's Walter Jones makes more than \$7 million per year, there is no way Seattle could match that offer.

That was the normal part. The Seahawks, crafty as ever, recently signed former Minnesota receiver Nate Burleson to, you guessed it, a seven-year \$49 million contract. The clauses in this beauty? Burleson's contract becomes guaranteed if he plays five games or more in the state of Minnesota during any one season of the contract. Since the Central Minnesota Thunderbirds have yet to make a run at Burleson, it looks like that clause was aimed directly at the Vikings.

But the Seahawks wanted to ensure they got Burleson, though, and added a second clause—the contract is also guaranteed if Burleson makes on average more per year than all of Minnesota's running backs combined. Now, this may seem a little out of the ordinary, but considering Minnesota was 27th in the NFL in rushing last season, one has to think their running backs aren't getting all that much.

Add onto this battle of the "poison pill" contracts the odd signings of T.O. and Mike Vanderjagt in Dallas, Adam Vinatieri to the Colts and Brian Griese in Chicago and one has to think next year will be one hell of a season.

And the best part is we're not even to the NFL draft yet. Day one of the draft, arguably the most insane 24 hours in sports, is when the really crazy stuff happens. With Vince Young's stock dropping faster than Enron in 2001 and so many teams with so many needs, this year's draft should be like a popcorn popper with teams coming from all directions to make deals and draft players no one expected.

And to think, all of this madness with only 164 days until the start of next season.

As a quick aside, Wednesday was a big day for former Iowa football players. Defensive end Jared DeVries and linebacker LeVar Woods both re-signed with Detroit, defensive tackle Colin Cole re-signed with Green Bay and wide receiver Tim Dwight signed with the New York Jets. I don't know if there's any way to check this, but that has to be some kind of record for most former Iowa football players' signings in one day. If anyone has official stats on that, let me know and I'll run it in next week's paper.

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